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QRP-L Digest 1324

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by "Frank Grigaliunas" <fgrig@iea.com>

Date: Sun, 3 Jan 1999 00:34:47 -0600
From: k5zty@juno.com
To: n4xy@mindspring.com
Cc: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28584] Re: QRP-L Gentleman's Agreements and ebay
Message-ID: <19990103.005338.10334.0.k5zty@juno.com>

I thought when a person bought a Nor Cal item or any other item it was

his to do with what he wanted. I didn't know that the QRP-L retained any control over it. When did this come about?

Bill, K5ZTY
Houston, TX
k5zty@juno.com

On Thu, 31 Dec 1998 23:50:13 -0500 "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@mindspring.com> writes:

>Wow! I didn't know it was listed on ebay... hm-m-m... certainly goes
>against
>the grain of all of our efforts... as much as we try to conserve
>through the
>use of minimal necessary power, we all generally try and do what we
>can for
>each other, situation and price included.
>
>Bottom line: it absolutely does not belong on ebay-IF it's a
>QRP-L-minded
>seller. It is possible, after all, that someone not really a part of
>all
>this (QRP-L) saw it, and bought it, and no longer wants it. HE can't
>be held
>responsible for an attitude/philosophy/whatever that he is completely
>unaware of.
>
>Of course, if it IS "one of us": not a good move dude!
>

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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 19:36:32 -0500
From: wb2vuo@juno.com (W. K. Hibbert)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28585] Want: Icom EX-310 Voice Board
Message-ID: <19990101.193635.-921685.0.wb2vuo@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

This is a request for another member of the local club. Lou. K2LKK is visually-impaired and his remaining vision is deteriorating such that he needs to get the speech board for his Icom. The model of the voice board

is the EX-310. He has checked with a number of Icom dealers with no luck so far.

If anyone has one of these boards unused, or has a rig or receiver with the EX-310 installed, and could spare the board, drop me a line and I will get the info to Lou. He's offline at this time, and his phone is unlisted...

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO, 100% QRP from the Great Bergen Swamp of WNY
My night light runs more power than my Rig!!!

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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 21:01:21 EST
From: J38AL@aol.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28586] Re: Buffalo Sneaux
Message-ID: <8315a2dc.368d7df1@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 1/1/99 4:11:14 PM Eastern Standard Time,
ctrask@primenet.com writes:

<< We don't get Lefe Effect down here. Temperatures for the weekend
are going to be in the low 70's. Just thought you'd like to know.

I was involved in the airlift of equipment and personnel to
Schenectady Co. Airport back in 1977 (or 1978) >>

I know about lake effect snows in Buffalo but don't get them here in West
Glenville, NY - 10 miles north of Schenectady. But we get RIVER EFFECT snow!!
XYL and I live 3.5 miles north of the Mohawk River at an elevation of about
1000 feet - great for radio fun as there isn't much of anything higher than us
nearby. BAD for snow. The storms usually travel east to west through the river
valley and up over the hills where we live. Snow falls of 8 to 18 inches are
common. And for the temp - it's 0.3 degrees as I write this and is dropping
about 1.5 degrees per hour. I guess I'll wait another hour or two to go
outside and put up that new antenna!! (haha) Hope to chat with some of the
group soon - am working on a SW-40+ and a fireball for 10.

72 A1 N2ZHS

Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 21:18:37 -0500
From: mikemo@ibm.net
To: JGold@tntech.edu
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28587] Re: Elmer 101
Message-ID: <368D81FD.44B9@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Jeff M. Gold wrote:

> did the TX key and mixer.. the sine wave on pin 4 of U5 looked
> pretty ugly, should I worry, checked all components and soldering,
> all looks perfect.

Yep, that is normal. The output of the mixer contains many different frequency components from the mixer. The next stage, the bandpass filter, "cleans" it up and only allows the 7MHz signal to get through with a significant amplitude.

72 de ku4qo, Mike Maiorana, Palm Harbor, FL

Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 21:30:56 -0500
From: "Harry T. Hurst, WA3PTG" <hhurst@delaware.infi.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28588] The next rig project
Message-ID: <199901020235.VAA22464@fh105.infi.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
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Santa brought me a Ten Tec1340 kit. It'll be finished tomorrow morning. So now it's time to start another project. I'm thinking of taking the next step to homebrew, I want to duplicate a rig on a Far Circuits board. The rig is one from an old QST article by Zack Lau, it covers 17, 15 and 12 meters I believe, and is an NE602 design. Even if it is a single band rig that can be built for those bands, I'm interested.

Has anyone on the list built one of these? Is it really a tri-bander?

Does anyone remember exactly when the design was published?? I'd like to know a bit more before I get too involved.

Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 21:38:10 -0500
From: mikemo@ibm.net
To: qrp <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28589] Capacitor Current
Message-ID: <368D8692.333@ibm.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

More playing with small transmitting loops.
I picked up some high voltage caps at a Hamfest to try to extend the tuning range of my loop. 500pf at 20kV. The capacitance and voltage are okay for the application, but I'm worried about current. The loop program says that the RF loop current can exceed 7 amps !!
These caps look awfully small to handle 7 amps, so I just may make a cool "smoke show". Any thoughts before I sacrifice one these little gems?

Also, I've been looking into making my own butterfly air variable caps for the STL. I made up a drawing of some good sized stator and rotor plates. I got a quote from a laser cutting shop in NY. Each set (one rotor and two stators) will cost over \$16, 15 sets per cap, \$240, OUCH! Makes that MFJ loop look really affordable ;-) Any machinests out there with some advice on the least expensive way to get these fabricated?

Happy New Year!
72 de ku4qo, Mike Maiorana, Palm Harbor, FL

Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 21:50:24 -0500
From: "T.J. \"SKIP\" Arey N2EI" <tjarey@home.com>
To: NJQRP Club <njqrp@njqrp.org>, "qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28590] KnightSMiTe
Message-ID: <368D8970.F003DC1E@home.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Had a few hours to myself this morning so I finally got the chance to put together my KnightSMite kit that I ordered some months ago. Very nice little kit. Glad I got one before The Knights ran out of them. The whole thing fit into an Altiods tin with room for a 9V battery too. It hears very well with just a hint of AM broadcast, not surprising given that I can see the top of the 50 KW WPHT (ex WCAU) tower from my house. Thanks guys for a nice relaxing project.

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Specialization is for insects! LAZARUS LONG

Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 22:49:52 -0500
From: Rick Sealey <rsealey@InfoAve.Net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Cc: feigleyc@gte.net
Subject: [28591] Re: THANK YOU
Message-ID: <1.5.4.32.19990102034952.00f5ed10@mail.infoave.net>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Charles:

Sounds like you're making good progress. And you're right, there's nothing better than Ham Radio/QRP to keep the spirits up. I hope your new year requires fewer medical trips and you can get started on that station. Keep us posted on how things are going with your exam preparation and station plans.

Best 72,
Rick - W4SEA

Original message:

>I would like to take this opprotunity to thank each and everyone on
>this list. 1998 was not a good year for me. 8 trips to the hospital

>with 4 stays over a week, 36 trips to various doctors, 121
 >perscriptions filled and consumed, has taken a harsh toll on my being.
 > But you all on this list have given me reason to keep on. I read
 >every post on the list,good,bad,argumentive,complimentary. I have
 >aquired a lot of knowledge and the desire to upgrade from tech to
 >as far as I can go. As soon as the doc says I can, I'm going to go
 >and take my general code and theory test. Then I want to assemble
 >a HF cw station as soon as finances permitt.
 > I thank God for each and everyone of you. Please keep posting and
 >hopefully I will be able to QSO with each and everyone of you on the
 >bands.
 > From my heart THANK YOU AND HAVE A PROSPEROUS 1999.
 > Charles D. Feigley Sr. WA8CUL
 >(Please forgive the spelling)
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 >CHARLES D. FEIGLEY SR. [ex-KE4UON] WA8CUL feigleyc@gte.net
 >LATITUDE 27.93 EL87PW
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 >-----
 >MEMBER:THE SOCIETY of AMATEUR RADIO ASTRONOMERS
 > QRP-L #1752 AK/QRP #417
 >

 Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 20:58:42 -0500
 From: nilsbull@juno.com (Nils R Young)
 To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
 Subject: [28592] SKN, SKD & straight key adventures
 Message-ID: <19990101.205847.12574.0.nilsbull@juno.com>

Gang,

I don't know how many of you were awake to play SKN last night, but I was
 unable to join the fun. I had the Sierra unshelled on the bench trying to
 figure how to get the side tone to come in at a constant (and nearly
 sinusoidal wave form) level. Something about having to turn the gain down
 on a strong signal and then having to turn it back up to hear the side
 tone has always driven me nuts. But that's another story.

So I was sittin' there, playing with LM386 chips & a couple 2N3904s and
 listening to all the SKN traffic while the slobbering iron and my shaking
 hands had a party with the needle-nosers. Sounded like a lot of fun. And
 all the while on a shelf in the shed . . . Frank Zappa!

Finally I gave up and put the radio back in the box, went back into the house and sat down with Cindy & Andy to watch a Austin Powers & then the dropping of the glowing ball deal. I relied on WWV. The people in New York were about a half second behind, given propagation delays &c.

So today I had a couple QSOs on 30 and 40 usin' the old Russian navy key. Big honker. It's like playing CW with a machete or something. Hammer & sickle. Whatever. I'd forgotten how much fun a good straight key can be. One with meat on its bones, so to speak.

One of the guys I talked to shifted over to his straight key, a KOB unit that he got when he was a novice. Still had the sounder on it and the tape mechanism for sending tape (he said for practice). That's got my oldest key beat by a chunk of time. Oldest one I've got was made in 1940 . . . six years before I was hatched . . . which will reach the sum of 53 years in about seven hours from right now (around 6 a.m. Texas time, which was where I was born all them years back).

Fun stuff. Think I'll have to do that more often. Bring on the rabbit venom! More cheese otters! And how about them badgers? Another year? So what? I'm breathin', ain't I? Consider the alternatives . . . and a toast to them who didn't make it this far but who contributed all the same!

73 & hippy nose jeer t' yall possum heads!

73
Nils

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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 21:22:14 -0700
From: bcutter@teal.csn.net (Bob Cutter)
To: qrp-1@LEHIGH.EDU
Subject: [28593] RTTY Contest 1800Z 1/1/99
Message-ID: <199901020422.VAA10902@mailrelay.sni.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Start out the New Year with some QRP RTTY(or other HF digital) contacts.
ARRL RTTY contest 1800Z Saturday to 2400Z Sunday. Most of the activity will
be plain old 45 Baud RTTY and QRP power levels work great.

Give it a try if you have a HF TNC around.

I just had a good 15 minute QRP RTTY QSO with KL7IFP, it really does work!

72, Bob KI0G

Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 22:38:03 -0600
From: vlantz@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28594] Can you hear me?
Message-ID: <19990101.223803.10302.3.VLantz@juno.com>

I will be on 7.110 until 11:00 pm Central. I guess I have to get a UTC
clock set in the house.

Be my first QSO!!

Vann Lantz
KF4QHJ, AL
QRP-L #1790, AR QRP #241
<http://members.xoom.com/VLantz/home.htm>

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Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 22:43:32 -0600
From: "Steve Zumbrun" <zumbruns@mail.stlukes.org>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28595] DL2AVH amp for Sierra
Message-ID: <01be360a\$7313c180\$269e2ace@zumbrunsmail.stlukes.org.Iw.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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I received the DL2AVH amp for my Sierra. I need some help hooking it up.
Anyone with any experience out there, Thanks and 72, Steve W0SZ

Date: Fri, 01 Jan 1999 23:33:57 -0600
From: "Harley L. Miller" <hmliller@sound.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28596] Re: What is FYB0?
Message-ID: <368DAFC5.7950@sound.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
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Or the Artillery version:

the daily cannon reports

Harley WB0ROQ

Date: Fri, 1 Jan 1999 22:45:46 -0800 (PST)
From: Paul Erickson <paule@sfu.ca>
To: nilsbull@juno.com
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu (qrp)
Subject: [28597] Re: SKN, SKD & straight key adventures
Message-ID: <199901020645.WAA26161@fraser.sfu.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Nils,

I hope you have a great New Year.

It was my turn, a few days ago, to have one of my people lose his fear of the dark. One of the hard things for us, is that we are professional listners, and are always on the lookout for signs among our "clients", but in this case there were no warning signs... However, as one of my female officers put it, "if we learn, through this, to reach out to each other more, that we will achieve something important...

I raise my glass with yours, to those no longer with us, but without whom we would be poorer.

cheers, Paul VE7CQK/email: paule@sfu.ca

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> Nils
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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 01:29:49 -0700
From: Niels Jensen Kristjansson <nkristja@cadvision.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28598] Re: SKN, SKD & straight key adventures
Message-ID: <1.5.4.16.19990102022503.1a4736b2@cadvision.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Nils es gang,

Made a special effort to join the SKN crowd this year and had a blast. Ended up with a glass arm but worth every did. Was using a homebrew key that I have had for years, made of solid aluminium and has 4 (yes four) ball bearings and is smooth as silk. KZ3W, Gordon in PA, was my last QSO and is my vote for the best heard/worked fist, this tradition must not die and I for one will do my straight part.

72 es happy new year to all.

de Niels
VE6NJK/TF3NJ

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 03:38:44 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@mindspring.com>
To: "QRP-L Reflector" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Message-ID: <001101be362b\$4efb53a0\$01010101@n4xy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="Windows-1252"
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72 / 73 Ed N4XY

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INTERESTS: *CW (99.5%) *QRP (QRP-L# 758)
*BoatAnchors *Test Equipment *Photography
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"Think you can, think you can't:  
  either way you're right!"    Henry Ford  
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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 03:51:14 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@mindspring.com>
To: "QRP-L Reflector" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: "EFJ / Johnson" <johnson@qth.net>, "EICO Reflector" <eico@qth.net>, "Collins
Reflector" <COLLINS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV>,
 "Antennas Reflector" <antennas@qth.net>, "CW Reflector" <cw@qth.net>,
 "Homebrew Reflector" <homebrew@qth.net>, "National Reflector" <national@qth.net>,
Subject: [28600] Lunch in Tempe the 5th
Message-ID: <000101be362d\$0d852390\$01010101@n4xy>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="Windows-1252"

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Monday, my oldest son Rusty (the Sophomore at UnivTenn) and I will be flying out to Tempe, AZ for the Fiesta Bowl. We will get to see the 1st ever National Championship College Football Game (UnivTenn vs FLA ST.) Naturally, we are both getting very excited! The game is MON night (~ 5:30 EST) and our flight LEAVES Atlanta at (UGH!!!) 6:30AM... meaning 5:00-5:30 wake up!!! Changeover in Chicago. Then we are coming back WED-so we will have a day to drive around/etc. If there is anyone who would like to get together for lunch or dinner TUE the 5th... or if you have any recommendations for things to see (Rusty is NOT really interested in ham radio) in the Tempe area-more or less-I would appreciate an email. Thanks!

P.S. To QRP-L: Sorry about the empty message... hit the wrong button. AND I apologize for the multiple post... but there isn't a lot of time, and I figured I needed maximum broadcast. Thanks again.

P.P.S. If you're watching it on TV, I will be the 'one' in the endzone with the ORANGE!!! shirt (the same one Phil wears on the field during games) and the white hat with an ORANGE!!! 'T'. GO VOLS!!!!!!!!!!

72 / 73 Ed N4XY

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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 07:16:31 -0500 (EST)
From: Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
To: Michael Melland <badger@vbe.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28601] RE: QSL program
Message-ID: <Pine.3.89.9901020718.C22094-0100000@bc.seflin.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

On Fri, 1 Jan 1999, Michael Melland wrote:

>

> <http://members.tm.net/jjmcd/hamradio.htm>

>

> I use the program and have played with it quite a bit..... very
> useful..... especially when upgrading soon and not wanting to print
> cards when ur call may change <grin>.

>

I've also found QSL Maker very useful. Over the last couple of years,
I've made limited numbers of QSO's signing N4BP/VP9, C6A/N4BP, ZF2DE/8, and
C6AKQ. Since the cards come in slowly, I can print just the number I
need for replies. And printing them has become much more practical since
my XYL bought me a printer cartridge re-inking kit for Christmas! :-)
Cartridges for my Epson Stylus 400 run about \$30 each!

73,

Bob Patten, N4BP

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Plantation, FL

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E-Mail: n4bp@bc.seflin.org

Web Page: <http://wg104a.wh.uni-stuttgart.de/~n4bp>

Brass Pounder BBS: (954) 472-7715

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 07:36:22 -0500

From: n3aaz-qrp@juno.com (John R Kirby)

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28602] Need INFO on 10 meter rigs

Message-ID: <19990102.073731.-210307.2.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain

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Gang,

I am looking for information on

QRP, low dollar, varactor tuned, CW only, ten meter transceivers (not to
exclude multi-band units).

Thanks,

John
N3AAZ

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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 09:07:38 EST
From: JCoote@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28603] Want: List of kit vendors
Message-ID: <7e650bdd.368e282a@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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I've been away from the QRP-L list for a long time.
Can someone give me a list of QRP kit vendor's email addresses, phone number
and snailmail addresses?

Thanks and have a great 1999

Jay Coote, W6CJ
Los Angeles

Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 20:45:04 -0600
From: W5TB <w5tb@softhome.net>
To: JCoote@aol.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28604] Re: Want: List of kit vendors
Message-ID: <3.0.3.32.19990102204504.006e3a90@pop.SoftHome.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:07 AM 1/2/99 EST, JCoote@aol.com wrote:
>I've been away from the QRP-L list for a long time.
>Can someone give me a list of QRP kit vendor's email addresses, phone number
>and snailmail addresses?

Welcome back, Jay

Start with my QRP Gateway (<http://www.qsl.net/w5tb/>) -- the first
three links will have pointers to kit suppliers and virtually everything
else QRP.

Happy new year to all!

73 T.E. 'Doc' Drake W5TB

Arlington, TX w5tb@softhome.net <http://www.qsl.net/w5tb/>
NORCAL ZOMBIE ARRL Life Member QRPARCI # 3252
QRP-L #673 FISTS # 5365

Date: Thu, 03 Jan 1980 20:46:19 -0600
From: Jim <kj5tf@madisoncounty.net>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28605] N7KSB QRPp XMTR
Message-ID: <12D2C17B.6EC8@madisoncounty.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hi everyone - Im waiting for my Jersey Fireball kit, and takeing another look at one of my old rigs. Remember QST 11/94 p.84? Take a good look after I spin this at you.

The N7KSB XMTR is a 74HC240 based CW XMTR - its got 14 electronik parts (caps and resistors) along with the 74hc240 IC chip mentioned... it puts out 500mw so its just what I needed for some QRPp fun. For added fun, you have to wind two output inductors over a Bic pen form. You must see a picture to appreciate the beauty of that!

My best DX with it was VE7EIR 11/28/94, he gave me a 579 on 15M while i was running full power 500mw to my 2 ele quad.

And XE2/KE6BVR, who was camping in Mexico and useing a whip antenna. While I was running on a <4.1v cordless fone nicad btry. a whopping 250mw. Max voltage is 7-8v and 500mw -

It takes regular xtals that cost \$12. bux, thats the only drawback. But you get to put in a variable cap and rubber that xtal freq. !

I have some jpeg shots of my N7KSB rig so if you wanna see it send me an email and I'll reply and attach one or two.

Anyone have a website to post the pix? Be my guest!

Jim KJ5TF AR QRP #2

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 11:25:15 -0500
From: "Mitch Dickson" <mitch@volstate.net>
To: <JCoote@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28606] Re: Want: List of kit vendors
Message-ID: <016f01be366c\$7c10db80\$2c338cd1@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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J, try http://users.accessus.net/~dwentz/kb9jja/jja_ham-links.html I believe you will find everything you ever wanted to know there and a lot more :) CU Mitch

-----Original Message-----

From: JCoote@aol.com <JCoote@aol.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Date: Saturday, January 02, 1999 9:11 AM
Subject: Want: List of kit vendors

>

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 09:55:10 -0500
From: nilsbull@juno.com (Nils R Young)
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28607] Birthday QSO, snow, show, slow &c
Message-ID: <19990102.095517.9286.0.nilsbull@juno.com>

Gang,

So I got up this morning, made coffee (extra strong, shot of amaretto, drop of leche) and started shoveling the snow off the porch, driveway, and sidewalks (for the mail person & to get to the outhouse & thus to the radio shack). Then Andy & I dragged the two wicker porch chairs out of the weather. At which point the kerosene heater in the shack ran out of juice & I heard C02KK on 28.500 having a QSO with a guy in Toronto (just you wait, the weather is coming to your digs too . . .).

So I called Arnie & we talked through QSB & 4/4 signals. At which point Andy went back inside & Cindy said that there was hot chocolate a-fixin' and the cinnamon rolls that I'd been promised for my birthday were on their way to the oven. So I went inside, grabbed some hot choc & check

the mailbox, from which I dug out a handful of bills & the most recent SPRAT.

Things were looking up.

I'd shoveled the snow & survived. I managed a bad-conditions QSO with someone whom I've listened to for years & have heard on the air often enough. (I have to go back and look over many antique logs to see if I've had a QSO with Arnie before.) There was hot chocolate in my already well-kept belly & cinnamon rolls were on the way. And SPRAT had arrived.

What's next? Somebody gonna give me a winnin' lotto ticket so I can move where the snow don't fly? Have QSO with sampela i lip long PNG na tok tok pisin? Oh, now I remember . . . I still have to build more stuff!

73

Nils

Nils R. Bull Young :: La Estancia de los Guajolotes Sonrientes
WB8IJN &c :: The Tagalong Press :: email to nilsbull@juno.com
"In my day we had to FIGHT to have email! Every day was a struggle!"
-- Comrade Sergei Nikolaievich

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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 99 10:08:15 -0700
From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <grp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28608] More Fun with Beacons: The NCDXF Beacon Network
Message-ID: <199901021709.LAA12129@echo.flash.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

All - The Northern California DX Federation (NCDXF) provides a world-wide network of beacons for propagation monitoring purposes. Many people have indicated that they enjoy monitoring the 10M beacons, but I have not seen any posts about the DX beacon network. If you enjoy monitoring the 10M beacons you will love the NCDXF beacons.

There are 18 beacons spread around the world which transmit on 5 frequencies; 14.1, 18.11, 21.15, 24.93 and 28.2 MHz. Each beacon transmits in turn for 10 seconds. It takes 3 minutes (180 seconds) to do

a complete cycle. Thus, by monitoring any given beacon frequency for 3 minutes, an excellent idea of worldwide propagation can be obtained. In addition, each station moves up to the next higher band after it has finished its 10 second slot. After it gets done on 20 M it moves to 17 M, then to 15 M and so on. By monitoring each beacon as it moves from band to band one can get a good idea of what the Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) to a given location in the world is.

But wait-there is more!! Each beacon consists of a transmission of the beacon's call sign at 100 Watts followed by 4 dashes; the first at 100 Watts, the next at 10 Watts, the next at 1 Watt and the last at 0.1 watt. This provides a good indication of the quality of propagation to the beacon. In addition, the 10 dB steps can be used to calibrate signal strength measuring devices in receivers (known to many as "Guess meters").

The beacons are very useful to us QRPers and DX pistols as they consist of modest gear. The transmitter is a Kenwood TS-50 and the antenna is a CushCraft R-5. If you can hear the beacon at the 1 or 0.1 Watt level you can probably work into the beacon's area with your QRP station.

For more information on the beacons look at the September 1997 Issue of QST, or point your favorite Web Browser to:

<http://www.ncdxf.org/>

Hit the beacon link for the schedule and status of the beacons.

I enjoy listening to the beacon frequency while puttering around the shack (and house too when the rest of the family is not around). Propagation changes are very noticable. I find the beacons very useful in comparing antennas. If you put the beacon frequencies in your receiver's memories (I wondered where I would find enough useful frequencies to fill up my rig's 100 memories), it is easy to follow a given beacon from one frequency to another.

You might also want to listen for the various OSCAR satellite beacons, but that is another story for another time. That is all for now. - Dr. Megacycle-KK6MC/5

James R. Duffey KK6MC/5 DM65
30 Casa Loma Road
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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 09:28:52 -0800
From: "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28609] DIY QSL Program.
Message-ID: <000501be3675\$5e8c9e60\$e55de2d0@n1dt-s-computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Good Morning Gang, A few months ago someone had posted a website that had a DIY QSL Program. Well with the last computer crash, that program ended up in Cyber-Heaven. I can't remember the call or name of the kind ham who developed the freeware program... so could someone on the list point me in the right direction ?
Thanks and HNY.

GL es 73, Dan W6DAN
Capitola, CA

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 10:11:22 -0800
From: "Dan Trigilio" <danjt@cruzio.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28610] Thanks For INfo.
Message-ID: <000f01be367b\$4e7acaa0\$1c5de2d0@n1dt-s-computer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Thanks to everyone who sent the url info about the QSL program.
Got it downloaded. Also a big thank you to WB8RCR !!
GL es 73, Dan W6DAN
Capitola, CA

Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 13:54:10 EST
From: we6w@juno.com (Ed Loranger)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [28611] WSN-40 Saturday Net QNI's
Message-ID: <19990102.105301.4791.0.we6w@juno.com>

Wow! Now that's something. We had
17 stations on the net this morning.
The 40 meter net <7040 KHz> begins at
9:00 AM Pacific time and today ran until
10:18 AM with all the check-ins.

Here's the list:

NCS: WE6W, OHR-100 at 5W, Les Logan Bug, folded Dipole.

- 1) W6XF Tom Sun Valley, NV
- 2) K6RPN Doug Grass Valley, CA
- 3) K5QXX Lew Concord, CA (NCS rotation)
- 4) NY6G Stan Tracy, CA
- 5) AB5PC/6 Dave Fresno, CA <SST/2W/Motor Home>
- 6) AD6FX Call Only. <New>
- 7) W6SIY Keith Ridgecrest, CA (NCS Rotation)
- 8) WA6NAE Dwight, Castro Valley, CA
- 9) AC6UV Gody, Mohave Desert, CA
- 10) W6JHQ Tom, Pinon Hills, CA (NCS Rotation)
- 11) KQ6EX Barnaby, Rohnert Park, CA <New>
- 12) XE2HOH Jake, Baja CA.
- 13) W7JQY Jack, Magalia, CA <NCS Rotation>
- 14) KN6YD Jeff Lake Isabella, CA <HW-7/Battery>
- 15) K7TQ Randy, Moscow, ID
- 16) W6KKX John Auberry, CA <New>

Really kept this NCS busy! We lost K7TQ, AD6FX and
XE2HOH in QSB. But all stations were good copy.

Hope we make it to 20 next time. Phew!

Then net operations is real simple. We call
CQ QRP WSN Net de <NCS Station> QNI K

New stations are welcomed, we make a list and have
stations say a bit about WX, rig, etc. Real light
info they want to share. Then they pass it on
to the next station on the list. We then call
for late comers, NCS shares information, then a call
to more comments. Then QNF (Net is Free) and 72
sign offs.

Hope you can join in on this friendly and fun
net.

WNS 40 Net. 7040 KHz CW, always 9:00 AM Pacific time.

Best to all and 72. -Ed WE6W
72, Ed WE6W QRP-Z#106 -L#1068, AR Millenium Count=29
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Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 12:59:48 -0600
From: "Steve Yates, AA5TB" <aa5tb@swbell.net>
To: adams@ticnet.com, Joe <kk5na@quadj.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28612] Re: NORTEX meeting, Jan 2 1999
Message-ID: <368E6CA4.91764520@swbell.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I really enjoyed the meeting. Thanks for the post. I couldn't make it when it was in Dallas but Arlington is within my reach. I'm looking forward to the next one.

73,
Steve Yates
AA5TB
Fort Worth (far west side)
aa5tb@swbell.net
<http://home.swbell.net/aa5tb/>

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 13:47:31 -0500
From: "Ron Polityka" <wb3aal@talon.net>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28613] Novelty QRPP Contest Logs
Message-ID: <000001be3683\$00fdc7c0\$6f5445c6@wb3aal>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Hello,

Where do I send my log for the Novelty QRPp Contest?

Thanks,
73 & Good DX
Ron de WB3AAL
wb3aal@talon.net

vvv Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Web Page vvv
http://www.kpsnet.com/wb3aal/Start_Page.htm
Eastern Pennsylvania QRP#1
Eastern Pennsylvania QRP Club Call---> N3EPA

Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 14:37:22 EST
From: we6w@juno.com (Ed Loranger)
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [28614] Re: WSN-40 Saturday Net QNI's
Message-ID: <19990102.113608.4791.6.we6w@juno.com>

On Sat, 02 Jan 1999 13:54:10 EST we6w@Juno.Com (Ed Loranger) writes:
<snip>
>Hope you can join in on this friendly and fun
>net.
>
>WNS 40 Net. 7040 KHz CW, always 9:00 AM Pacific time.

OOPS! I need some of Nils' special brew coffee!!!

that should be:
WSN 40 Net. 7040 KHz CW, Always SATURDAY, 9:00 AM pacific time.
^^-----^^

Western States Net. Not to be confused with
WSN --> Washington State Net.

Time to build a short TX loop for the pixie2....
-ED

72, Ed WE6W QRP-Z#106 -L#1068, AR Millenium Count=29
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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 12:45:42 -0600
From: "Marshall Emm" <mgemm@mtechnologies.com>
To: JCoote@aol.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28615] Re: Want: List of kit vendors
Message-ID: <199901021946.MAA27163@edison.chisp.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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The Colorado QRP Club maintains an extensive list of links at:
<http://www.cqc.org>

73
Marshall Emm
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Date: Sat, 02 Jan 99 13:59:17 -0500
From: Chuck Adams <adams@ticnet.com>
To: "k5zty@juno.com" <k5zty@juno.com>
Cc: qrp <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28616] Re: QRP-L Gentleman's Agreements and ebay
Message-ID: <199901021954.0AA37948@nss4.cc.Lehigh.EDU>

Gang,

There are no such formal rules in place on QRP-L,
so let me squash that notion right now.

A lot of people do not care to pay more for used
or any equipment than the original cost(s) which
is just human nature. Antiques increase in value
because of the demand for same. Some people believe
that because they did the work it increases the value.

My guess is that someone started the urban

legend that such a ruling about charging more than the original price was a "gentleman's agreement" in hopes of squashing the call for an increased price in original kits etc. To the best of my knowledge, and I have read every posting, there is not and has not been a ruling on this and it is not up for vote.

I and the administrator for this list do not have a policy in place and refuse to act as network price police patrol officers. It is the duty of each individual to research the original price of items that are listed for sale anywhere to determine in their own mind if the deal is what they want. I know that sometimes this information is next to impossible to find out. Buyer beware is the motto at all times.

As an example I have seen AEA MM-3 Morse Machines go for \$25 to \$200 and the original price of the system was around \$189, I think. I saw the price in HR (Ham Radio Magazine) which is no longer in print, but don't have the issue handy.....

So, on for sale items posted to QRP-L everyone must do their research and the poster knows that this group does do its homework and remembers all that is said and done here today, contrary to what Abe Lincoln said in his famous address.

So to the group at large don't start another rumor about QRP-L. There are enough as it is..... :-)

Please limit postings to QRP-L to QRP related activities and please refrain from copying entire messages in your postings. The word count is getting high in the archives and later today I'll post the historical data since we are now into a new year. And to the best of my knowledge the next millenium begins on midnight of Dec 31, 2000, thus 2001 is the first year. Decades and centuries END on the multiples of 10 if I remember dates correctly. It's like your first year of life is one year after your birthday not starting at one year old on the same date that you were born on. Someone correct me if I'm wrong. It is interesting to see that the educational level of the

news media is going to divide us up into two groups
and a lot of people are going to celebrate at the
end of this year, which is probably a gross error.
Let's not try to beat this to death, please.... :-)

OK, back to your regular program in progress.

So in review. There is no gentleman's agreement in
place to prevent price inflation on equipment. Just
beware of prices and go back through the archives
to double check if you don't remember. One piece of
information that I have wanted to go back and do but
just don't have the time is a historical list of
the starting dates and ending dates of availability
of rigs, their original source and pricing information.
We've all seen the requests for information and the
publication of information on NorCal kits and others
that are no longer being made. And even some companies
would be hard pressed to publish or find the dates
in question. History gets lost due to lack of interest
in some cases. Someone could start the project and let
us know how it is going. I'll see if I can personally
get a few cycles in on it myself later this year. :-)
;-) That's neat to say on the second day of the year..... :-)

dit dit es FYI

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Chuck Adams K5FO adams@ticnet.com CP-60
<http://www.ticnet.com/k5fo>

Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 11:31:13 -0500
From: hamjoel@juno.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [28617] RE: ANT AGGRIVATIONS
Message-ID: <19990102.150905.-192155.1.hamjoel@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Dearest Gang:

My cajun mother thanks all of u what sent me some consoulance and
suggestions on what to done with the ant of my night mares....

Don't kneaux just what I is gonna do right now... I tried using the shoot gun on it but the shoot gun shell were so frozen they didn't fire till I got them back in the house where they could warm up.... scared my poor cajun mama half to death when they went off... need less to say I got sneaux falling from the roof onto my qrp++....

I am giving concideration to going back to dipoles... good antennas... simple and easy to get along with... kinda reminds me of a date I once had...

bye now and thanks.... hpy ny

joel in maine, suffering frum southern fever and sneaux...

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Date: Sat, 02 Jan 1999 12:12:19 -0800
From: "Russ Carpenter" <russ@natworld.com>
To: "QRP-L List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [28618] Welcome 1999 with the Spartan Sprint on Monday!
Message-ID: <199901022002.MAA13741@guppy.pond.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
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The January Spartan Sprint will be held on January 4 (which is our standard date--the first monday of the month). We will be operating on three bands--80, 40, and 20. Don't worry if your station is a bit obese. We commend the winners in two categories--points (the Tubby Division), and points per pound (the Skinny Division).

If you are a newcomer to the Sprints, take a look at the introductory material at the end of this post.

1. Start at 9:00 PM EST, 8:00 CST, 7:00 MST and 6:00 PST. Finish at 11:00 PM EST, 10:00 CST, 9:00 MST and 8:00 PST.

2. The frequencies will be 3560 kHz +/-, 7040 kHz+-, and 14060 kHz+- . (You may operate one, two or three bands--your choice.)

3. Exchange RST, SPC (state, province or country) and power output.

4. If you choose to call CQ, use the format "CQ SP," or "CQ SP TEST."

5. You can take credit for working the same station on a second or third

band.

After the contest, we invite you to use our autolog, which is part of the ARS Sojourner. Just go to www.natworld.com/ars and follow the link for "Direct access to autologs". Or you can speed things up by going directly to the Spartan Sprint autolog page at www.natworld.com/ars/ss_log.html.

If you don't have access to the web, send Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, an e-mail with your total QSOs and the total weight of your station (i.e., the combined weight of all transmitters, receivers, keys, keyers and batteries used during the Sprint). You may also include your comments from the soapbox. Russ' email address is russ@natworld.com.

We publish results for each Spartan Sprint on the Thursday following the Sprint. This may be the world's quickest contest reporting! Please send us your log as soon as possible, but in no event later than Wednesday afternoon.

The Spartan Sprint is based on a simple but stimulating concept. We are encouraging all of you to cobble together the kind of station you'd use in a portable environment--lightweight transceiver, keyer, key, and battery. Then put that turkey on the air, and participate in a two hour sprint.

All operators are invited to play, whether or not they are members of Adventure Radio Society. Even if you don't have lightweight equipment, your participation will be rewarding, both for you and the other participants. We'll report the score in two different formats--absolute scores, and points per pound of station weight. So you can get your kicks from running up a magnificent score, or achieving an remarkable ratio of points per pound.

If you're thinking about becoming a member of Adventure Radio Society, just send Richard Fisher (our membership chairman) an e-mail expressing your interest. Richard's e-mail address is nu6SN@aol.com. Membership is free, and the organization has a great group of men and women who combine their love of ham radio with their affection for the outdoors. You don't need to be a macho person; ARS welcomes people of all ages and levels of ability.

Russ Carpenter, AA7QU, Contest Manager

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Date: Sat, 2 Jan 1999 16:29:21 -0600

From: vlantz@juno.com

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [28619] Can you hear me again?

Message-ID: <19990102.162922.10310.0.VLantz@juno.com>

OK, let's try this again. I had no luck last night. I will be on the air between 00:00 and 02:00 UTC (6-8PM Central). I will be in the novice frequency range on 40M, 7.10-7.15, but I will be concentrating on 7.110MHz the most.

Thanks to everyone for trying last night. I will be checking my e-mail at 23:50 UTC (5:50 PM Central) if anyone wants to schedule a time.

Who will be my first QSO? I hope it's you!!

Vann Lantz

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From: "Frank Grigaliunas" <fgrig@iea.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [28620] Re: QRO radios
Message-ID: <199901022339.PAA04386@comtch.iea.com>
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On Sunday, December 27, I solicited advice about a good used QRO transceiver. I got wonderful help from many people, and rather than send off lots of individual notes, I wanted to make one post to let you know what happened.

First of all, everybody likes Burghardt's, and many people like Kenwoods. As it happens, Burghardt's doesn't currently have a Kenwood in my range, so I'm buying a TS-520S from another ham. It should give me a little more punch when the bands are weak, and it has a microphone (yeah, I know, half this list never heard of such a thing) so I can rest my fingers and work my jaws a bit.

Thanks again, everybody. Hope to hear you soon on my new rig.

--Frank, AB7YT

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